HB 3065-2 (LC 4008) 3/25/19 (MAM/ps)

Requested by Representative MARSH

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3065

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 29 and delete <u>page</u> 2 2 and insert:

"SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a 3 public process for the purpose of investigating the continuing rele-4 vance of the carrier of last resort obligations provided for under ORS 5759.500 to 759.570. The investigation shall focus on whether developing 6 industry trends, technologies and policy drivers in the telecommuni-7 cations sector impact the existing regulatory system administered by 8 the commission for ensuring adequate and reasonable access for resi-9 dential customers to telecommunications service in all areas of the 10 state. 11

12 "(2) As part of the public process established under subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall investigate changes to the exist-13 ing regulatory system and incentives that could accommodate devel-14 oping industry trends and support new policy objectives without 15 compromising residential customers' access to reliable and safe service 16 at just and reasonable prices in an adequate and nondiscriminatory 17 manner. The investigation required by this subsection shall specif-18 ically focus on: 19

20 "(a) Customers whose individual circumstances and needs may im-21 pact their access to and usage of telecommunications services, in1 cluding low-income customers;

"(b) Residential customers with access at their domicile to fewer
 than two of the following terrestrial-based service alternatives:

4 "(i) Telecommunications services provided by a facilities-based
5 competitive local exchange carrier;

6 "(ii) Voice service offered via interconnected Voice over Internet
7 Protocol; or

8 "(iii) Voice service offered by a cellular communications service;
9 and

"(c) The comparability of voice service offered by wireless internet
 service providers and satellite providers.

"(3) If the commission determines that changes to the existing 12 regulatory system and incentives would be in the interest of residen-13 tial customers and the public generally, the commission shall develop 14 plans to administratively implement changes to the regulatory system 15 and incentives within its existing statutory authority or shall make 16 recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of 17 legislatively implementing changes to the regulatory system and in-18 centives. 19

"(4) As part of the public process established under subsection (1)
 of this section, the commission shall:

22 "(a) Solicit input from:

"(A) All telephony providers, including telecommunications utili ties, cooperative corporations and municipalities certified by the
 commission to provide local exchange telecommunications service;

26 "(B) The Citizens' Utility Board;

"(C) Residents of, or groups who represent, residents of rural areas
of the state;

29 "(D) Advocates for low income persons; and

30 "(E) Senior citizens; and

HB 3065-2 3/25/19 Proposed Amendments to HB 3065 1 "(b) Provide the public with an opportunity to comment.

"(5) The commission shall submit a report on the findings of the $\mathbf{2}$ public process established under subsection (1) of this section and the 3 progress of investigations conducted under subsection (2) of this sec-4 tion in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees $\mathbf{5}$ of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development and 6 business and general government no later than September 15, 2020. The 7 commission may include, as part of the commission's report, recom-8 mendations for legislation.". 9

"SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2,
2021.".

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